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SUBJECT: CASE OF MRS. NADEZDA STOYANOVA DIMCHEVA AND DAUGHTER  
GLORIA ZDRAVKOVA DIMCHEVA

REFS: A) STATE 115187; B) 77 STATE 260679; C) 77 SOFIA 2229;  
D) 77 SOFIA 1643; E) 77 SOFIA 1521

1. EMBASSY SEES LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING INFORMATION REQUESTED REF A ON CONDITION OF DIMCHEV'S EX-WIFE AND DAUGHTER. CONSIDERATIONS NOTED REF C, AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S PRESENT TENUOUS BASIS FOR INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF A BULGARIAN CITIZEN INTO THE WELL-BEING OF ANOTHER BULGARIAN CITIZEN, MAKE IT DOUBLY DIFFICULT TO APPROACH GOB WITH ANY EXPECTATION OF RESPONSE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF DIMCHEV'S INFORMATION. EMBASSY DRAWS DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO COMMENTS OF BULGARIAN STATE SECURITY OFFICIAL TO DIMCHEV IN OCTOBER 1977 (REF C) AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR MRS. DIMCHEVA WERE THE EMBASSY TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH MFA. CONOFF, IN ANY CASE, CANNOT DIRECTLY APPROACH MRS. DIMCHEVA TO ASCERTAIN HER CONDITION.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE DEPARTMENT LEARN FROM DIMCHEV WHAT HE AND HIS EX-WIFE HAVE DONE REGARDING THE FILING OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS FOR HER AND THEIR DAUGHTER. MRS. DIMCHEVA HAD IN HER POSSESSION  
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DIMCHEV'S AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT WHEN SHE LAST VISITED THE EMBASSY IN JANUARY BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF AND WHEN SHE FILED FOR PASSPORTS OR THE DATES WHEN SHE WAS REFUSED. EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION THOROUGHLY WITH DIMCHEV SO THAT ALL FACTS BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY. IN THE EVENT THAT MRS. DIMCHEVA

AND HER DAUGHTER HAVE FILED PASSPORT APPLICATIONS AND HAVE BEEN REFUSED, EMBASSY SUGGESTS PROCEEDING WITH INQUIRY ALONG LINES OF DIVIDED FAMILY CASE BASED ON THE DESIRE OF THE DAUGHTER, ACCOMPANIED BY HER MOTHER, TO VISIT WITH HER NATURAL FATHER IN THE U.S. EMBASSY NOTES THAT DIMCHEV WAS TOLD BY THE STATE SECURITY OFFICIAL (REF C) THAT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE BULGARIA SOON AFTER HIS DEPARTURE AS LONG AS HE DID NOT ENGAGE IN "ACTIVITIES AGAINST BULGARIA".

3. EMBASSY IS ALSO CURIOUS ABOUT REFERENCE (REF A) TO DIMCHEV'S BULGARIAN FIANCEE AND WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION. A WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE DIMCHEV'S FIANCEE VISITED THE EMBASSY IN LATE MARCH AND STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN DENIED A BULGARIAN PASSPORT BASED ON DIMCHEV'S AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AS HER FIANCEE. EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT SHE MAKE APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY DIMCHEV AND, ONCE THAT PERMISSION HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, SHE MAKE A NEW APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A BULGARIAN CITIZEN WOULD RECEIVE A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THE U.S. AS A TOURIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED SUCH PERMISSION TO MARRY FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCIL. EMBASSY NOTES EARLIER GOB ARGUMENT THAT DIMCHEV'S INTENTIONS TOWARD MS. GOLFORD WERE INSINCERE (REF D) AND EMBASSY'S OBSERVATION OF SAME (REF E).

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4. IN DEPARTMENT'S DISCUSSION WITH DIMCHEV, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH RELATIVE PRIORITIES DIMCHEV ATTACHES TO TRAVEL OF HIS FORMER WIFE AND CHILD, AND THAT OF HIS FIANCEE. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT DIMCHEV'S FIANCEE IS UNLIKELY EITHER TO RECEIVE PERMISSION TO MARRY DIMCHEV OR TO BE ISSUED A PASSPORT. ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT INFORMATION, EMBASSY IS NOT ABLE TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT ON WHETHER BULGARIAN STATE SECURITY WILL MAKE GOOD ON ITS PROMISE TO DIMCHEV AND EVENTUALLY ALLOW HIS EX-WIFE AND DAUGHTER TO LEAVE BULGARIA.

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